

What is claimed is:

1. A system for retaining and displaying a piece of material, said system comprising:
 - a piece of material having an upper surface, a lower surface, and an outer periphery;
 - an intermediate fixation system attached to the lower surface of said piece of material;
 - a lower layer having an outer periphery, an upper surface and a lower surface, said piece of material being affixed to the upper surface of said lower layer by said intermediate fixation system, said lower layer being sized such that the outer periphery thereof extends beyond the outer periphery of said piece of material;
 - an upper layer having an outer periphery sized such that the outer periphery of said upper layer extends beyond the outer periphery of said piece of material, and is sealed to the upper surface of said lower layer, said upper layer having an opening passing therethrough which is sized such that a portion of said upper layer surrounding the opening therein overlies and is sealed to the outer periphery of said piece of material on its upper surface; and
 - an adhesive layer applied to the lower surface of said lower layer.
2. The system of Claim 1 wherein said adhesive layer applied to the lower surface of said lower layer comprises a pressure sensitive adhesive.
3. The system of Claim 2 wherein said pressure sensitive adhesive layer has a releasable backing layer applied thereto.

4. The system of Claim 1 wherein said upper layer and said lower layer are formed from vinyl sheet material.
5. The system of Claim 1 wherein said piece of material comprises a piece of fabric material.
6. The system of Claim 1 wherein said intermediate fixation system comprises:
an intermediate vinyl sheet layer having an upper surface and a lower surface,
said piece of material being attached to the upper surface; and
an adhesive layer applied to the lower surface of said intermediate vinyl layer,
said adhesive layer being adhered to the upper surface of said lower layer.
7. The system of Claim 6 wherein said adhesive layer applied to the lower surface of said intermediate vinyl sheet layer comprises a pressure sensitive adhesive.
8. A system for retaining and displaying a piece of material, said system comprising:
a piece of fabric material having an upper surface, a lower surface, and an outer periphery;
an intermediate vinyl sheet layer having an upper surface and a lower surface,
said piece of fabric material being attached to the upper surface of said intermediate vinyl sheet layer;
an adhesive layer applied to the lower surface of said intermediate vinyl sheet layer;

a lower vinyl sheet layer having an outer periphery, an upper surface and a lower surface, said piece of fabric material being affixed to the upper surface of said lower vinyl sheet layer by said adhesive layer, said lower vinyl sheet layer being sized such that the outer periphery thereof extends beyond the outer periphery of said piece of fabric material;

an upper vinyl sheet layer having an outer periphery sized such that the outer periphery of said upper vinyl sheet layer extends beyond the outer periphery of said piece of fabric material, and is sealed to the upper surface of said lower vinyl sheet layer, said upper vinyl sheet layer having an opening passing therethrough which is sized such that a portion of said upper vinyl sheet layer surrounding the opening therein overlies and is sealed to the outer periphery of said piece of fabric material on its upper surface; and

a pressure sensitive adhesive layer applied to the lower surface of said lower vinyl sheet layer.

9. The system of Claim 8 further comprising a releasable backing layer applied to said pressure sensitive adhesive layer.
10. The system of Claim 8 wherein said adhesive layer applied to the lower surface of said intermediate vinyl sheet layer comprises a pressure sensitive adhesive.
11. A method for creating a system for retaining and displaying a piece of material, said method comprising the steps of:
 - providing a section of material;
 - attaching the section of material to an intermediate fixation system;

cutting at least one piece of material from the section of material;

affixing the at least one piece of material to an upper surface of a lower layer, the lower layer having an adhesive layer attached to a lower surface thereof;

forming at least one opening in an upper layer, the opening having a size smaller than the size of an outer periphery of the piece of material;

disposing the upper layer adjacent to the lower layer with the at least one piece of material sandwiched therebetween, and positioning the upper layer with respect to the piece of material so that the portions of the upper layer surrounding the at least one opening overlie the outer periphery of the at least one piece of material;

sealing the portions of the upper layer which overlie the outer periphery of the at least one piece of material to the at least one piece of material;

sealing the upper layer to the lower layer in areas surrounding the outer periphery of the at least one piece of material; and

cutting at least one finished system for retaining and displaying a piece of material from surrounding portions of the upper and lower layers.

12. The method of Claim 11 wherein said sealing steps are accomplished by a radio frequency sealing die.

13. The method of Claim 11 wherein said sealing steps and said cutting step are performed simultaneously by a die.

14. The method of Claim 11 wherein said affixing the at least one piece of material to an upper surface of a lower layer step comprises the steps of:

attaching the at least one piece of material to an upper surface of an intermediate vinyl sheet layer having an adhesive layer applied to a lower surface thereof; and

adhering the at least one piece of material to an upper surface of a lower layer with the adhesive layer.

15. The method of Claim 11 wherein the adhesive layer applied to the lower surface of the intermediate vinyl sheet layer is a pressure sensitive adhesive layer having a releasable backing layer applied thereto, and further comprising the step of removing the releasable backing layer before adhering the at least one piece of material to an upper surface of a lower layer with the adhesive layer.

16. A method for creating a system for retaining and displaying a piece of material, said method comprising the steps of:

providing a section of material;

attaching the section of material to an intermediate fixation system;

cutting at least one piece of material from the section of material;

affixing the at least one piece of material to an upper surface of a lower layer, the lower layer having an adhesive layer attached to a lower surface thereof;

disposing an upper layer adjacent to the lower layer with the at least one piece of material sandwiched therebetween, and positioning the upper layer with respect to the piece of material so that the upper layer overlies the outer periphery of the at least one piece of material;

sealing a portion of the upper layer which overlies the outer periphery of the at least one piece of material to the at least one piece of material;

cutting an opening in an upper layer within the portion sealed to the piece of material, the opening having a size smaller than the size of the outer periphery of the piece of material;

sealing the upper layer to the lower layer in areas surrounding the outer periphery of the at least one piece of material; and

cutting at least one finished system for retaining and displaying a piece of material from surrounding portions of the upper and lower layers.

17. The method of Claim 16 wherein said sealing steps are accomplished by a radio frequency sealing die.

18. The method of Claim 16 wherein said sealing steps and said cutting steps are performed simultaneously by a die.

19. The method of Claim 16 wherein said affixing the at least one piece of material to an upper surface of a lower layer step comprises the steps of:

attaching the at least one piece of material to an upper surface of an intermediate vinyl sheet layer having an adhesive layer applied to a lower surface thereof; and

adhering the at least one piece of material to an upper surface of a lower layer with the adhesive layer.

20. The method of Claim 16 wherein the adhesive layer applied to the lower surface of the intermediate vinyl sheet layer is a pressure sensitive adhesive layer having a releasable backing layer applied thereto, and further comprising the step of

removing the releasable backing layer before adhering the at least one piece of material to an upper surface of a lower layer with the adhesive layer.